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Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please revise the title to read as follows:

--SMELTING REDUCTION METHOD--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, delete "SPECIFICATION";

Page 1, in the first line after the title, insert the following:

A: --This application is a Divisional Application of application Serial No. 09/598,605 filed June 21, 2000, which is a Continuation Application of International Application PCT/JP98/05852 filed December 24, 1998 (not published in English).--

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